

Clarification Questions & Answers to Maine's RFP For a Central Site Monitoring System

THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD, AND ANSWERED AS PART OF THE RFP PROCESS FOR A CENTRAL SITE MONITORING SYSTEM.

1) In the third bullet of the response to Question 3 Part B it states the following: "All systems shall arrive at Gaming Laboratories International (GLI) by November 22, 2004." However, in the last line of the second bullet item it also states "Affected vendors, whose systems will be demonstrated at GLI, will be notified by November 29th so they may be present at the demonstration."

Question:

A) Can the Evaluation Committee clarify this discrepancy?

ANSWER: This is not a discrepancy. The demonstration will take place at GLI on December 6th or 7th. Systems should arrive at GLI by November 22nd to allow GLI adequate time to do an evaluation for the Board prior to December 6th & 7th. A Vendor's system that is selected by the review committee for a full evaluation/demonstration will be identified by November 29th so any Vendor can have personnel present at GLI during the evaluation/demonstration. The vendor will have the opportunity to demonstrate their system at that time.

B) Is Section 1.12 still valid in that are we still permitted to have the demonstration at the bidder's facility as long as it is located in North America?

ANSWER: The demonstrations will be at GLI in Lakewood, NJ, which is the location approved by the Board consistent with section 1.12 paragraph 2.

2) Question 15(B) Section 2.16.2 Performance Bond

It is a requirement of Surety Companies today that the non renewal language be written into the contract as well as on the bond form. The bonding company also states in its bond form that they would provide the Obligee (the Board) with 30 days written notice of its intent not to renew the Bond. The Principal could replace this bond with another bonding company. Also as stated further in Section 2.16.2 the Performance Bond can also be in the form of a certified check or cashier's check or an irrevocable Letter of Credit. Therefore if the current bonding company decided to non renew there would be three options for replacement of the bond.

Question:

A. We respectfully request that the Board reconsider its answer to Question 2.16.2.

ANSWER: The Board respectfully declines your request.

B. Would the Board be agreeable to the above language if the cancellation provision was changed to 60 days notice?

ANSWER: No

Section 2.16.3 Fidelity Bond

This section states that the Fidelity Bond will cover any loss to the Board due to any "fraudulent or dishonest act on the part of the successful bidder's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors."

Question:

A. Fidelity Bonds/Insurance does not provide coverage for subcontractors/agents or for any other entity or individual who is not considered the insured. Therefore we respectfully request the deletion of the words "agents or subcontractors" to the above sentence.

ANSWER: No

3) Section 3.2.1 D

- A. Is it a mandatory requirement that CSMS backup site communicate with Bangor historic Race Track in real time and allow for the continuous play of progressive games in the event of failure of the primary CSMS site?

ANSWER: Yes

- B. If yes to A. What is the maximum acceptable time to reestablish communications to Bangor Historic Race Track from the backup CSMS site?

ANSWER: Proposals should state anticipated timeframes for the backup site to reestablish communications with the Bangor Historic Race Track.

- C. Is it a mandatory requirement to have this site monitored 24x7?

ANSWER: As long as the site is a back-up site, the answer is no. In the event the back-up becomes the primary, it would have to be monitored.